

# **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**Information and Management Services Division  
Management Services Branch**

**Resolution No. M-4813  
December 16, 2004**

## **R E S O L U T I O N**

### **RESOLUTION M-4813. ADOPTING LEVEL OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION UTILITIES REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-05**

Section 431 of the Public Utilities Code provides:

“The commission shall annually determine a fee to be paid by every electrical, gas, telephone, telegraph, water, sewer system, and heat corporation and every other public utility providing service directly to customers and subscribers and subject to the jurisdiction of the commission other than a railroad, except as provided in Article 2 (commencing with Section 421).”

The Commission finds that, effective January 1, 2005, for fiscal year 2004-05, the Public Utilities Commission Utilities Reimbursement Account fees should be fixed as follows:

Electrical Corporations	.000 ¢/kWh
Gas Corporations	.000 ¢/therm
Heat Corporations	1.4 ¢/thousand lbs steam
Telephone and Telegraph Corporations	.11% of revenue
Water and Sewer System Corporations	1.4% of revenue (.014)

The rates for Electrical and Gas Corporations are reduced to zero to return Public Utilities Commission Utilities Reimbursement Account reserves to an appropriate level. The rates for Heat, Telephone, Water and Sewer System Corporations are unchanged from the fiscal year 2003-04 rates.

For administrative efficiency, we will allow utilities that are subject to these reimbursement fees to file a revised tariff schedule in compliance with this resolution and in accordance with the provisions of G.O. 96-A within 10 days from the date of this Order. These advice letters shall become effective January 1, 2005.

The estimated fund reserve at June 30, 2005, will be \$75,946,000. See Appendix A.

In accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 311(g), the Information and Management Services Division mailed this draft resolution to the service list and commenced publication of a Daily Calendar notice on November 16, 2004, that apprised the public of the availability of its draft of this Resolution and solicited submission of comments by December 6, 2004. No

comments were received.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. For the fiscal year 2004-05, effective January 1, 2005, the fees provided for in Section 431 of the Public Utilities Code are hereby fixed at the following levels:

Electrical Corporations	.000 /kWh
Gas Corporations	.000 /therm
Heat Corporations	1.4 /thousand lbs steam
Telephone and Telegraph Corporations	.11% of revenue
Water and Sewer System Corporations	1.4% of revenue (.014)

2. For fiscal year 2004-05, utility fees are due July 15, October 15, January 15 and April 15.
3. Within 10 days from the date of this Order, the utilities subject to this Resolution shall file an advice letter with the applicable Industry Division to make all necessary tariff changes required by this Order. The advice letter shall be effective January 1, 2005, subject to the applicable Industry Division determining that it is in compliance with this Order.

I hereby certify that the Public Utilities Commission adopted this Resolution at the meeting on December 16, 2004. The following Commissioners approved it:

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**STEVE LARSON**  
**Executive Director**

**APPENDIX A**

**FUND CONDITION**

**0462 – PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION UTILITIES REIMBURSEMENT  
ACCOUNT**

Actual Reserve, June 30, 2004	\$47,866,000
Estimated 2004-05 Revenues:	
Quarterly Fees	\$76,446,000
Sale of Documents	40,000
Income from Surplus Money Investments	330,000
WorldCom, El Paso Settlements	3,511,000
PG&E Bankruptcy Reimbursement	24,029,000
Total, Revenues	<u>\$104,356,000</u>
Transfers From Other Funds:	
Propane Safety Fund	158,000
Total Revenues and Transfers	<u>\$104,514,000</u>
Total Resources	<u>\$152,380,000</u>
2004-05 Expenditures:	
Public Utilities Commission	<u>\$73,271,000</u>
Electricity Oversight Board	3,163,000
Total, Expenditures	<u>\$76,434,000</u>
Estimated Reserve, June 30, 2005	<u>\$75,946,000</u>